



FIGTREE HEIGHTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 1 Friday 6th February 2015

Message from the Principal

What's Happening at the Heights?

The school canteen is closed. A message will go out when its ready to commence operating for 2015

Week Beginning 9/2

Tues 10

Swimming Carnival Yr2-6

Fri 13

Illawarra Hawks visit Yr 3 2-3pm

Week Beginning 16/2

Mon 16

Parent Information Session
Stage 3 at 5pm: 5/6N, 5/6C & 5/6S

Stage 2 at 6pm: 2/3F, 2/3S, 3/4F & 3/4P

Book Club closes today

Tues 17

Textbook Sale Day

Wed 18

Parent Information Session at 5.30pm: K/1E & 1T
P&C meeting 6.30pm

Thur 19

Kindergarten Vision Screening

WELCOME to our Kindergarten students and their families

Congratulations Kindergarten! You have had such a spectacular start to your education. Figtree Heights welcomes you and your family and look forward to seeing you grow and succeed throughout your time here at Figtree Heights and beyond. We wish you all the very best for your bright future.

URGENT HELP for the Canteen

Last week we asked for helpers in the canteen and thus far have only received one parent volunteer. If you are interested in helping out in the canteen in any shape or form (serving, cooking, rosters, buying etc) please let the school know. Without volunteers we cannot run the canteen in its current form. We desperately need to get a committee formed so we can open the canteen and provide the service for our children. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

School Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday, 10th February at Western Suburbs Pool, Unanderra. The carnival will run from 12 – 3pm. If your child travels home from school by bus, alternate arrangements will need to be made as we are anticipating to get back to school just after 3pm. Parent helper forms have been distributed and a handful have returned. If you can volunteer any time at the pool please see Mr Nielsen a.s.a.p. The carnival is available for all spectators Year 2 and above and all competitors 8 years and older. There has been a rumour that there will again be a teacher, parent and student relay race, so parents, come prepared with your swimmers in case you are recruited ☺

P&C Meeting

The initial P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held on Wednesday evening 18th February at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in Sarah Thurston's classroom (5/6S room) and free child minding will be available. At the conclusion of the regular meeting a small amount of time is opened up for the school to provide information on particular topics relating to our school, at this meeting we will be discussing our 3 year strategic management plan and hopefully receive some feedback on the direction Figtree Heights needs to take in this changing world of education. Community consultation is an essential part of the effective running of our school. P&C meetings are a perfect forum to have these essential discussions.

If you are considering becoming a member of our P&C, please come to this meeting to see what it is about. At no time are you forced to take on roles, it is simply about supporting the needs of your children.

Cross Country Carnival

We have tentatively booked Wednesday, 18th March, (9am) for our school Cross Country Carnival. This year we are hoping to hold the event at Figtree High School, on a suitable cross country course. I am awaiting confirmation from the high school for the use of their facility. We will lock in the date as soon as possible.

Warm regards, Skye Hayward

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From the Students!

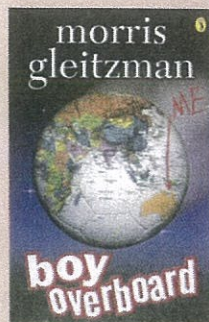
5/6N have been experimenting with types of poetry, including free form, and a couple have been selected to share with our community.

These poems are based on characters from the novel they are studying in class, 'Boy Overboard' by Morris Gleitzman.

Bibi

As brave as a tiger,
Immature like a baby,
Strong like a gorilla,
Reckless!

Blake McKay



Jamal

Wise like a wizard,
Tough like a Dessert Warrior,
As mature as a parent,
Selfless!

Blake McKay

Bibi

As cheeky as a monkey,
As aggressive as a lion,
As brave as a soldier
Reckless!

Jessica Buffett

Jamal

As sporty as Messi,
As skilled as Ronaldo,
As headstrong as Ibrahimovic
Caring!

As selfless as a nurse,

As wise as an owl,

As cautious as a gazelle

Sensible!

Mikayla Mitrevski

Jamal

As wise as an owl,
As selfless as a mother,
As cautious as a mouse,
Mature!

Jessica Buffett

Payment Reminders

Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6 spectators and participants \$8. **Due now**

Student Textbooks. Due 17/2



Head-up for 2015!

Textbook Sale Day

Figtree Heights will be holding its textbook sale day on Tuesday 17th February 2015.

Textbooks are an essential part of classroom lessons and all students will be required to purchase books.

Information & costing notes accompany this newsletter.

Kindergarten - green note. Yr1 - yellow note. Yr2, 3 & 4 - blue note. Yr5 & 6 - pink note

Payment can be sent in before or on sale day.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays today and next week.

Aron Christensen, Ashley Freitas, Jai Gilmore, Toby Moore, Kai Lovegrove, Chelsea Neill, Alyssa Stevanoski & Marcus Stevanoski

School Uniform Update

Our school uniform supplies are now available from Lowes at Westfield Figtree.

There is still a small amount of new uniforms available from the schools uniform shop. Parents are welcome to purchase these.

Second hand uniforms are for sale by way of self-serve. Parents can request the key to the uniform storeroom from the office; they then select garments and bring them to the office to pay.

Please assist this process by keeping the stock tidy.

Canteen News

If you are able to assist please return your volunteer slip to school ASAP.

The canteen is not operating (yet) for 2015.

A note will go out when it will commence. The time will depend on when a committee is formed.



Instrument Lessons Update

For those students who have indicated they wish to begin learning guitar with Liesa Adlington this year she would like to begin lessons next Thursday in the demountable at 8am.

- Could all the students listed here please meet Liesa at that time with your guitar.
- Lara L, Kyla N, Max O, Blake M, Amber C, Yolanda C, Landon G, Joe C. At this 1 hour session, Liesa will assess each student and group them. Please bring payment for this session to Liesa.
- Bill Burn is sorting his lessons with continuing and beginning students. New students (Genevieve K, Odette K) should see Bill on Wednesday morning to arrange times.

Thanks
Greg Costello
Music Coordinator

Useful Information

To download our school phone app go to the App Store on iTunes (Google Play for Android users), search for Figtree Heights and simply download. **Username:** community **Password:** figtreehtsps Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

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